

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification as follows:

Both order slip [[5]] forwarded from user terminal [[1]] via network [[3]] like the Internet for example to Web server [[2]] providing online shopping services and order confirmation slip [[6]] forwarded from Web server [[2]] to user terminal [[1]] to confirm receipt of order slip [[5]], are monitored by settlement system [[4]] of a communication common carrier providing communication services to user terminal [[1]] which carrier acts in substitute for collecting communication charges or are detected through being relayed. Settlement system [[4]] collects payment [[(8)]] from user terminal [[11]] by invoicing user terminal [[11]] for online shopping charges only in respect of transactions for which the requisite pair of order slip [[5]] and order confirmation slip [[6]] are prepared together with communication charges when invoicing user terminal [[11]] for communication charges and pays the appropriate amount ~~therefrom~~ to Web server [[2 (7)]].